

September 8, 1976

Mr. John A. Graves  
General Mine Superintendent  
The Anaconda Company  
Grants, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Graves:

As a part of the Laguna Jackpile Mine Environmental Study being conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, New Mexico Environmental Improvement Agency and the Indian Health Service, a seismographic testing of the Jackpile Mine area is requested by the Laguna Tribe.

It was advised by the agencies involved, however, that rather than contracting a one time seismographic test that an independent evaluation of the Anaconda Companies' 1975 seismographic-blast records would be better.

Although final contractual arrangements have not been made it is likely that Sandia Laboratory would be the party doing the evaluation.

A prior conversation with Mr. Elrod Leany indicated that the Company would be willing to submit their records to such an evaluation if a formal request to the company was made.

The use of the Companies records would greatly facilitate the accurate evaluation of the blasting operations at the Jackpile Mine. Please advise this office if these records would be available for this use.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mala L. Beard  
District Sanitarian